

Review of: "[Commentary] Explaining Hamas Attack of October 7"

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This article is meant to explain Hamas's October 7, 2023, attack on Kibbutz Kfar-Aza. It proposes to use a combination of William Dray's "How is it possible" approach and Game Theory as its analytical framework. In this, the author is partially successful, but he/she needs to consider some revisions before the article should be published. First, the author needs to have a clear question that the paper seeks to answer. This will provide him or her with greater analytical direction and focus. This is lacking throughout the paper, which does little to explain the specific attack on the kibbutz and concentrates mainly on a descriptive account of possible reasons for Hamas's attack in general. If this is the author's intent, then he or she should clearly state this in the introduction. Second, the author needs to provide a clearer explanation of the utility of combining Dray's approach with Game Theory. As it is, they are explaining two different arguments presented by the author, making it theoretically problematic and confusing as to what exactly is the point of using this combination. Finally, the author needs to better incorporate their analytical framework into their discussion to provide it with some nuance and clarity. This would also mean that the paper is less descriptive and more analytical.